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FOR ENDOVASCULAR ANEURYSM  
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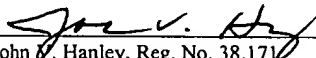
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Dear Sirs:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action dated May 24, 2002. As this paper is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office action, it is expected that an advisory action will be issued in due course.

REMARKS

In the final Office action dated May 24, 2002, claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particular point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner stated